



RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 1623

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 5576-132

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Maruyama  
Serial No. 09/963,738  
Filed: September 26, 2001  
For: BASE MATERIAL FOR DRY DIRECT TABLETING COMPRISING LOW  
SUBSTITUTED HYDROXYPROPYL CELLULOSE

Confirmation No.: 9282

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: E. White

December 11, 2003

Mail Stop AF  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three (3) months to respond to the final Official Action dated June 12, 2003 and the Advisory Action dated September 12, 2003.

2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

☒ is filed herewith.

☐ has been filed.

3. Applicant:

☐ Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

☒ Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

<u>Total Months Requested</u>	<u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Fee for Small Entity</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$110.00	\$55.00
<input type="checkbox"/> two months	\$420.00	\$210.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> three months	\$950.00	\$475.00
<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,480.00	\$740.00
<input type="checkbox"/> five months	\$2,010.00	\$1,005.00

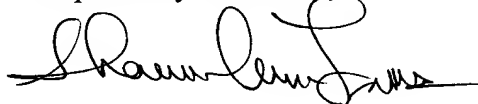
Fee Enclosed \$950.00

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- ☒ A check including the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.
- ☒ Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,



Shawna Cannon Lemon  
Registration No. 53,888

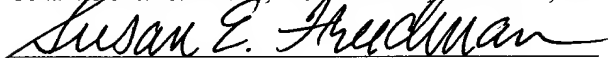
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Date of Signature: December 11, 2003